

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A container for sheet products suitable for taking out each piece of stacked sheet products individually, comprising:

a tray-like container body;

an opening/closing lid slidably mounted on the container body;

a pressing member elastically pressing the sheet products stacked in the container toward the inner surface of the opening/closing lid;

a friction drag member provided on the inner surface of the opening/closing lid to feed out the sheet products in accordance with the closing operation of the opening/closing lid; and

a stopper formed in the container body to stop the backward movement of the sheet products by the friction drag member according to the opening operation of the opening/closing lid.

2. (original) A container for sheet products according to Claim 1, wherein the pressing member is formed from a plate spring, and the plate spring comprises an attaching end portion attached to the bottom of the container body, a slanting portion extending from the attaching end portion in an inclined manner, and a pressing portion provided on the top of the slanting portion.

3. (original) A container for sheet products according to Claim 1, which further comprises an interlocking mechanism for interlocking the pressing member with the opening/closing lid so that the sheet products are resiliently pressed toward the opening/closing lid only when the opening/closing lid is in a predetermined location.

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4. (original) A container for sheet products according to Claim 1, wherein the pressing member comprises a rising portion that rises from the bottom surface of the container body, and an extending portion extending from the bottom end of the rising portion along the bottom surface of the container body, and the pressing member is rotatably disposed so as to press the sheet products toward the friction drag member by shifting the free end of the extending portion from the bottom of the container body toward the friction drag member;

an engaging convex portion that extends along a predetermined length of the opening/closing lid in the opening/closing direction being provided on the inner side of the opening/closing lid, and

the engaging convex portion being engaged in the rising portion at a predetermined open position of the opening/closing lid and rotating the pressing member.

5. (currently amended) A container for sheet products according to claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the shapes of the container body and the side edge of the opening/closing end of the opening/closing lid are substantially the same and concave as seen in a plan view.

6. (currently amended) A container for sheet products according to claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the sheet products are edible films.